Assessment of plant resources in Bihar by Botanical Survey of lndia

874. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA; Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Botanical Survey of India conducted any survey in Bihar for identification, exploration and assessment of plant resources;

(b) if so, what are the details cf recommendations made after the survey; and

(c) how many recommendations made by it have since been implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRl Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The Botanical Survey of India have undertaken survey for plant explorations in several areas in Bihar such as Ranigunj-Jharia coal fields, Hazaribagh, Parasnath Hili, Chibasa, Singbhum, Chotanagpur, Rajmahal and Chmparan district. Ethnobotanical studies pertaining to medicinal plants used by tribals in Ranchi and Hazaribagh districts were also undertaken. The Botanical Survey of India also studied the plant resources in the wetland ecosystem of Kabar Lake in Bihar.

(b) and (c) The Botanical Survey of India describes the plant resources in its surveys. No recommendations as such are given. The results of the floristic surveys have been published in scientific journals. The important medicinal plants identified as a result of the ethno-botanical study have been documented in the Report of the Project of Ethnobiology.

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MOTION OF THANKS ON THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS—Contd.

MR. CHAIRMAN: There are a large number of members who are wanting to speak on the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address. The discussion on the Motion will, therefore, continue today as also tomorrow. The Prime Minister will reply at 4 p.m. tomorrow, the 2nd March, 1988.

श्री राम अवधेश सिंह (बिहार) : एक मिनट मेरी बात सुन लीजिय ।

MR. CHAIRMAN; I have not allowed you.

[The Deputy Chairman in the Chair]

श्री राम अवधेश सिंह : उपसभापति महोदया, *

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You have not been allowed. It will not go on record. Now we take up Papers to be Laid on the Table.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Report (1986-87) of the Spices Board, Cochin and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (1986-87) of the Cashew Export Promotion Council Cochin" and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): Madam, I beg to lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

I. (a) First Annual Report of the Spices Board, Cochin, for the year 1986-87.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the Board.

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II. (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Cashew Export Promotion Council, Cochin, for the year 1986-87, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the Council.

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*Not recorded.